

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the amendments to the specification and claims be made. Amendments to the specification are made to correct typographical errors noted by the applicant's attorney in a review of the written description. No new matter has been entered into the specification. Amendments to claims 1, 8 and 15 have been made to change the singular term "bit" to "bits". The amendments made provide proper antecedent basis for the term "bits" (see for example, claim 1 line 18-19, which states "whether corresponding bits in the delta map are set and corresponding bits in the persistent. . ."). No new matter has been entered. Claims 1, 8 and 15 have also been amended to correct errors with respect to punctuation and with regard to the first reference to the terms source, clone and data content. No new matter has been entered.

If the examiner has any questions regarding the amendments made or the drawings the examiner is invited to contact the applicant's attorney at (914) 798-8505.

Applicant requests that the fee of One Thousand Four Hundred (\$1400.00) dollars for the Issue Fee be charged to EMC Corporation Deposit Account No. 05-0889.

No other fees other than those indicated are believed necessary. If, however, additional fees are necessary, the examiner is authorized to charge the additional fees to EMC Corporation, Deposit Account No. 05-0889.

Respectfully submitted,

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